

Sale of Wight Co., Va. Marriage Bonds - Date July 20,  
1822 - Miles Edwards & Willey Edwards  
Surety - Isham Edwards -

Wills & Accounts

Vol. 19- In the name of God Amen! I James Edwards  
1831-1834 of the Co. of D. of W. and state of Va. being  
page 242 well in body but of sound mind and  
memory do make and ordain this my last  
w. & t. in manner and form following To wit.  
Item: I lend unto my wife Winney Edwards  
during her natural life or widowhood all  
my estate both real and personal and at her  
death or marriage to go as hereafter directed.  
Item: I give & Leg. unto James R. Edwards  
(after the death or marriage of my wife as  
aforesaid) the land and plantation where  
on I now reside to him & his heirs forever.  
Item: I give & Leg. to Ann H. Edwards one  
negro called Emeline and her increase (after  
the death or marriage of my said wife Winney)  
to her & her heirs forever.  
Item: The rest and residue of my estate after  
the death or marriage of my said wife to  
be equally divided between all the children  
of my brother David Edwards - to wit, Joseph,  
Sampson, Nancy, Richard, Timothy and  
Sucky to them and their heirs forever.  
Item: I nominate & appoint my wife Winney  
Edwards whole & sole executrix of this my  
last w. & t. hereby revoking & making void all  
wills and testaments by me heretofore made.  
In testimony whereof I have hereto set  
my hand and affixed my seal This 7<sup>th</sup>  
day of Dec. 1832.

James Edwards (X his  
mark)

Signed, sealed, published and declared in & for the  
last will & testament of the said James Edwards  
in presence of us

Miles Edwards

John W. Dick

At a court held for D. of W. Co. the 7<sup>th</sup> day of  
Jan. 1833 the foregoing piece of writing was  
presented in Court as and for the last will and  
testament of James Edwards dec'd and the same being  
proven by the oaths of John W. Dick & Miles  
Edwards the witnesses thereto is ordered to be  
recorded. Time was allowed Winney Edwards the  
Executrix therein named to qualify to said Will.  
Nathaniel Young  
Ck. of Ct.

Will of David Edwards of D. of W. Co. V<sup>a</sup>

Wife Keziah, son Timothy Edwards plantation bought  
of Benjamin Phillips & wife formerly called Josiah  
Edwards - 50 acres more or less, dau. Nancy Edwards,  
son Richard Edwards, son Sampson, dau. Susan,  
friend William C. Edwards

Sept. 3, 1835

Nov. 2, 1835

Witness: James Whitley, Nathaniel Pinhorn, Thomas  
Dellams

Surety: H. H. Chapman

D. of W. Co. V<sup>a</sup>, Marriage Bonds, Date Jan. 7, 1796

Edwin Roberts & Pally Jones (spinster)

Surety: Thomas Jones

D. of W. Co. V<sup>a</sup>, Marriage Bonds, Date - Feb. 25, 1830

Edwin Roberts & Angellor Thompson

Surety: Samuel Thompson

Bent: Samuel Thompson



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John Edwards = Anna Copher (Spenders),  
 Sen. Jas. Gwallmey.  
 ← ← guardian of Ann Copher.  
 3-5-1798.

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John F. Edwards + Mary B. Provins.  
 Sen. Miles Edwards.  
 Gdn John B. Gale gdn to Mary.  
 Wm C. Latimer + Wmmy Jereb Edwards.  
 8-23-1843

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Martin Strongfield = Holland Ward  
 12-12-1811 Sen Henry Jones

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John Edwards; wife Patience, son John  
 the plant with 2 men live, son Jonas  
 plant it by Armiger Bailey, son Isham  
 Edwards, plant it of Powell, son  
 Holland Edward - all my child men  
 living. Exs. pd Tra Boykin + son John  
 12-12-1803 4-7-1806 X  
 um whlly, David + Elias Edwards  
 See 3000 by John Edward the qualified.

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Est of John Edwards Sr in acct with John  
 Edwards

pd. Holland, pd. David, pd. Isham  
 Ex. by Andrew Woodley, Tra M. Boykin.  
 Jordan Parr. 6-1-1807.

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ap. est of John Edwards Sr. 4-11-1806 by  
 Jordan Parr. David Edwards + Joseph  
 Moody. 6-1-1807. Val £ 3-7-2-10 1/2



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In the name of God Amen. I John Edwards of the Co. of D. of W. being sick and weak in body, but of perfect sound mind & memory, do constitute make & ordain this my l. w. & T. in man & form as followeth to wit.

I Item: I give & bequeath unto my son Miles Edwards the place whereon I now live to him & his heirs & assigns forever, also one half my still, apple mill &c. to him & his heirs & assigns forever.

I give & beq. unto my son John Edw. the balance of my land to wit, the land I purchased of Elias Turner & the land I purchased of Joseph Turner, to him & his heirs & assigns forever also the half of my still, apple mill &c. above mentioned to him & his heirs & assigns forever.

I Item, I give & beq. unto my daughter Winney Edwards my neg. m. Tith to her & her heirs & assigns forever.

I Item - It is my w. & desire that my neg. woman Cecahy, to be held out until my son John Edw. comes to the age of 21 years & the money arising from such hire to be applied to the schooling my child - to wit Miles, John & Winney Edward. & if the sd. neg. w. should live till my son John Edward comes to the age of 21 years, then to be sold & the money arising from such sale to be equally div. bet my 3 child, Miles, John & Winney Edwards.

I Item - It is my will & desire that the bal of my est. wh. I have not already given away to be sold & the money arising from such sale, after paying all my <sup>just</sup> debts & funeral

expenses to be equally div. amongst + between  
my 3 child - 10 wt Miles, John + Winney.

Then I do hereby nominate + appt my friends  
Daniel Whitley + Isaac Vellines whole + sole  
Exs. to this my last W + T in wt whereof I  
have hereunto set my hand + seal this 22<sup>nd</sup>  
day of Feb. 1810

Wt Jordan Parr, urn. Canham 9-2-1811

Jonathan Edwards Joel Whitley

Sec. for Exs

Saml. Jefferson + Jas. Carey



## EDWARDS

The family descended from the ancient Welsh Kings of Powysland. The first to assume the name of Edwards, was Robert, the son of Edward ap Thomas, ap Llewellyn, lineally descended from Elnow E'fell, Lord of Cyullaeth. He married Ann the daughter and heir of Robert Ryffin, and was succeeded by his son John, who purchased Ness-Strange, Salap, which is still owned by the Edwards family.

The branch of the family that emigrated to Virginia, early in the seventeenth century, came from near Cardiff, Wales, where the ruins of an old castle known as "Edwards Hall" are still seen.

Ancestral Records and Portraits, Colonial Dames, Vol. 1, p. 212.



## Will of James Edwards.

In the name of God Amen. The 5th day of April in the year of our Lord 1743, I, James Edwards of the County of Isle of Wight, being very sick and weak in body, but of perfect mind and memory thanks be given unto God therefore calling to mind the mortality of my body and knowing that it is appointed for all men once to dye, do make and ordain this my last will and testament that is to say principally and first of all I give and recommend my soul into the hands of God that gave it and for my body I recommend it to the earth to be buried in the Christian like and decent manner at the discretion of my Executors. Nothing doubting, but at the general resurrection I shall receive the same again by the mighty power of God and as touching such worldly estate wherewith it hath pleased God to bless me in this life I give, devise and dispose of the same in the following manner and form;

Item: I give and bequeath to my friend William Pope one certain Tract or parcel of land lying and being in the aforesaid County beginning at a Chestnut oak and so running a north west course to the outside line of my patent containing 134 A. be the same more or less and by him to be possessed and enjoyed by him and his forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my friend Nathan Godwin one certain Tract or parcel of land lying and being in the aforesaid County beginning at the ----- aforesaid and so running a southward course to Richard Williams line, containing 133 A. more or less and by him to be possessed and enjoyed by him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my well beloved son David Edwards after the decease of my loving wife and singular my lands and messuages and tenements by him freely to be possessed and enjoyed by him, his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my well beloved son James Edwards all the writings belonging to the land whereon he now liveth and 10 L. current money.

Item: I give and bequeath to my five sons John, William, Jonas, Nathan and Albridgeton the sum of 10 L. current money to each of them.

Item: Imprimis: I give and bequeath to my well beloved wife, whom I likewise constitute, make and ordain to be my only and sole Executrix of this my last will and testament, all the rest of my moveable estate and use of all my slaves during her wife and widowhood, but in case she should marry, I only give her an equal part of my moveable estate among all my children. I do hereby utterly dis allow, revoke and disannul all and every other former testament, wills, legacies and executions by me in any ways before this time named, willed and bequeathed, ratifying and conforming this and no other to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and



year above written.

I (his mark)

Benjamin Johnston

William Pope

5-23-1743

Inventory 4-19-1743-signed Alimor Edwards 7-25-1743.

Will Book 4, p. 464



## Edwards

1. William Edwards an early resident of Surry County was mentioned among the dead in the census of 1621. He was probably the father of the William, who is mentioned as a merchant in Virginia in 1644, whose wife was Dorothy. He represented Surry County in the House of Burgesses 1652-53 and was one of the Justices of the Peace for the County. According to a deposition in the Surry records he was 43 in 1658 and in the records of the General Court is said to have died about 1673. Issue: William, John and Thomas.  
William and Mary Quarterly, vol. 15, p. 82.

2. Thomas Edwards married Elizabeth Holt the daughter of Randall Holt 2nd.  
Tyler's Quarterly, vol. VII, p. 279

Will of Thomas Edwards: wife Elizabeth, son Thomas, son William son John; daughter Sarah; daughter Elizabeth. Wife Extr.  
Feb. 4, 1702/3                      March 2, 1702.  
Wit. John Edwards, Etheldred Taylor, Thomas Lane.  
Surry Bk., 1694-1709, page 262.

3. In 1719 William Gray of Surry left a bequest to his granddaughter Elizabeth Edwards.  
Order Book 1715-30, p. 226.

A William Edwards Jr., married by 1717 the extr. of Etheldred Taylor named Elizabeth. If this was the above Elizabeth she was a second wife for the records prove that Etheldred Taylor had married Elizabeth the widow of James Mason, who had been Elizabeth Duke by 1702.

The land mentioned in the wills left to William Edwards was on Round Hill Swamp in Isle of Wight, the part which was cut into Isle of Wight and adjoins Surry County.

William Edwards: son William; son John; wife Elizabeth; daughter Elizabeth. Exs., wife and son Thomas.  
Sept. 30, 1750.                      Feb. 14, 1752.  
Wit. George Gurley Jr., John Gurley.  
Southampton Will Bk. I, p. 33.

(He is given nothing in the will which may be traced, but the two William Edwards who die in the county between this time and 1800 may be identified with the Isle of Wight County family.)



Edwards.

## Brunswick County.

Feb. 2, 1760. Ind. bet. William Tillman of Halifax, N. C. and William Edwards Jr. of Surry County, for 150<sup>0</sup> a tract of 512 A. in the Parish of St. Andrews, the fork of Stoney Hill Run and Crabhouse or Fickle Cunt Run; Mr. Skipwith's line and the line of John Avery. July 28, 1760.

(No Wit.) wife Elizabeth Tillman relinquishes dower.  
Deed Bk. 6, page 507.

(That this is your William and not the William Edwards, who was the son of Nathaniel, is proven by the abstract sent you earlier, of the sale of part of this land sold by the sons of William Edwards.)

May 29, 1764. Ind. bet. Henry Morris of the Parish of St. Andrews and William Edwards of the same Parish for 95<sup>0</sup> a tract on Loyds Run of 214 A. on Zebulon Lewis etc. June 25, 1764.

Wit. Thomas Simmons, William Chapman, John Tillman, Francis Young. wife Susanna Morris rel. her dower.  
Deed Bk. 7, page 484.

Oct. 27, 1770. Ind. bet. William Edwards, and wife Susanna of St. Andrews Parish and Henry Jackson Jr. for 110<sup>0</sup> 214 A. on Loyds Run and Zebulon Lewis.

Wit. Alexander Watson, William Smith, Zebulon Lewis.  
Deed Bk. 10, page 27.

(That this was your William with the wife Susanna is evident from the fact, that the marriage bond of William Edwards the merchant to Susannah Maclin the daughter of John Maclin is not dated until Dec. 1, 1771. This was his second marriage having married in 1756 Sarah Edmunds.

Although both William Edwards of Brunswick had wives  
Susanna, (this clearly differentiate them.)

William Edwards of the Parish of St. Andrews; son Thomas, negroes Caty and Old James; son Nathaniel the land whereon he now lives divided by Denmons Branch and on the south side of the Mill Pond; grandson James Edwards, my Cattail land; son Gray the land whereon he now lives; son Benjamin; son John the plantation on which I now live (under age); daughters Lucy, Susanna and Martha. Exs., sons Nathaniel and Gray.

Wit. Wm. Connelly, John Avery, Lewis Parham.

March 6, 1781 Will Bk. 2, page 142.

March 26, 1781.

## Appraisal of the estate of Captain William Edwards:

Nov. 26, 1781. Appr.: William Vaughan Sr., William Lanier Sr. and Mathew Harris. Gray Edwards Ex.

Will Bk. 2, page 215.



## Edwards.

William Edwards, an early resident of Surry County was mentioned among the dead in 1624. He was probably father of the William, who is mentioned as a merchant in Virginia in 1644, his wife was Dorothy. He represented Surry County in the House of Burgesses 1652-53 and was one of the Justices of the Peace. According to a deposition in Surry he was 43 in 1668, and in the records of the General Court is said to have died about 1673. Issue: William John and Thomas.

From William & Mary Quarterly, Vol. 15, page 82.  
Thomas Edwards; Wife Elizabeth; sons Thomas; William and John daughters, Sarah and Elizabeth. wife Extr.

Feb. 2, 1702/3.

March 2, 1702.

Wit. John Edwards, Etheldred Taylor, Thomas Lane.

Surry Bk. 1694-1709, page 262.

A William Edwards of Surry County bought land in Isle of Wight in the section which was cut off to form Southampton.  
(Will look for the reference my next trip to the courthouse)

William Edwards Jr. married by 1717 the extr of Etheldred Taylor. (He had an uncle William Edward living in 1717 and a first cousin William and he was doubtless called Jr. to distinguish him.)

In 1719, William Gray left a bequest to his granddaughter Elizabeth Edwards. (Elizabeth Taylor-Edwards was probably his daughter. I find no other Edwards with a wife Elizabeth who fits dates etc.) Order Bk. 1715-30, page 226.

William Edwards: son William; son John; wife Elizabeth; daughter Elizabeth. Exs.: wife and son Thomas.

Sept. 30, 1750. Feb. 14, 1750.

Wit. George Gurley Jr., John Gurley.

Southampton Will Bk. 1, page 33.

## Reasons

Reasons for believing this to be Gray Edwards line of descent from the Immigrant.

A friend who is a splendid genealogist and has spent months on the Isle of Wight Edwards is convinced he does not belong among them.

The sons of his wife by Etheldred Taylor were living in Southampton.

William Edwards Jr. of Surry married a Simmons whose father was of Southampton.

Everything fits, but actually proof lacking. I have nothing but an abstract of the will of William in 1750 and it is probable he left William Jr. land in Surry which accounts for his calling himself of this County. If this fact can be established, it should be proof of the line I feel.

Miles Edwards, guardian for his children, John F., Samuel, Winifred, Mary, Catherine and James R. Edwards.  
 William C. Edwards, security for Miles Edwards. 1837.  
 Order Book, 1834-38, p. 377.

Miles Edwards died intestate. Appraisal of his estate made by G. F. Hall, John Edwards, Richard H. Pully and Henry Turner. Dec. 4, 1868. Samuel Edwards, Administrator.  
 Isle of Wight will Bk. 29, p. 456.

Marriage Bond of Miles and Willey Edwards.  
 Security, Isham Edwards.

Isham Edward the son of John Edwards and wife Patience.

Isham Edwards married the daughter of Thomas W. Gale.

April 2, 1810. Ind. vet. Samuel Gale and wife Sally, Isham Edwards and wife Polly, Zachariah Edwards and wife Amelia and Benjamin Chapman; for 163 dollars, 100 A., adjoining William Crocker, sd. Chapman and Martha Downing, being subject to the dower rights of his wife, being land called Michaels, the plantation which Thomas W. Gale died seized of.

Wit. Jordan Parr, George Applewhait, Davis Chapman.  
 Deed Bk.

Isle of Wight Land Bks., p. 18. Miles Edwards from the estate of Isham Edwards, 159 A., near Daniel Whitley. 1830.

On the motion of Miles and Bird Edwards, administration is granted them on the estate of Isham Edwards decd. Security, William Turner, John Edwards, James Chapman and Davis Edwards, for \$6,000. Appraisers appointed, William C. Edwards, John W. Dick, Robert Marshall and James Edwards. Dec. 31, 1831.



In the name of God, Amen, I, John Edwards of the County of Isle of Wight, being sick and weak in body, but of perfect and sound mind and memory, do constitute make and ordain this my last will and testament in manner and form as followeth, to wit:-

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Miles Edwards, the plantation, whereon I now live to him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son John Edwards the balance of my land to wit: the land I purchased of Elias Turner and the land I purchased of Joseph Turner, to him and his heirs and assigns forever, also the half of my still, apple mill etc. above mentioned to him and his heirs and assigns forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Winney Edwards, my negro man Tim, to her and her heirs and assigns forever.

Item: It is my will and desire that my negro woman Cussoby, be hired out until my son John Edwards arrives to the age of 21 years and the money arising from such hire to be applied to the schooling of my children, Miles, John and Winney Edwards and if the said negro should live till my son John Edwards is 21 years, then to be sold and the money arising from such sale to be equally divided between my children, Miles, John and Winney Edwards.

Item: It is my will and desire, that the balance of my estate which I have already given away, to be sold and the money arising from such sale, after paying all my just debts and funeral expenses to be equally divided amongst and between my three children, Miles, John and Winney.

Item: I do hereby nominate and appoint my friends, Daniel Whitley and Isaac Vellines, whole and sole executors to this my last will and testament, in witness whereof, I have hereby unto set my hand and seal this 22nd day of February, 1810.

Wit. Jordan Parr, William Pinhorn, Armstrong Edwards, Joel Whitley.

Security for Executors, Samuel Jefferson and James Casey.  
Recorded Sept. 2, 1811.

## Edwards

So far it has been impossible to establish the father of Robert and James Edwards, who first appear in the Isle of Wight records in 1677, whose mother was Anne. Every Edwards so far found in the records can be accounted for and eliminated as the father of these two boys. There were Edwards in both Hantsmond and Barry, so it is probable that their father was from one of the adjoining Counties. It seems very probable that Robert Edwards who married Mary Hunt was their uncle, for they lived in the same section and seemed to be identified with the same families. The records prove definitely that this Robert was not their father, as at first seemed the solution for he left issue only three daughters.

Ann's identity the mother of these three boys may be accounted for and established.

Thomas Griffen's receipt to Cornelius Skulley, for all legacies due my wife Ann from her father Thomas Wright, predecessor to said Scully. Nov. 5, 1666.  
W. & D. Bk. 1, p. 85.

Will of Thomas Griffen:- to son Thomas the land I bought of Capt. Ifulgham; my brother William Godwin; wife Ann; God-daughter Ann Wilkinson; the child my wife now goeth with.  
Wit. William Godwin, John Isles, John Pitt.  
Nov. 8, 1669. April 9, 1670.  
W. & D. Bk. 2, p. 84.

After this marriage she married an Edwards and had at least the two sons Robert and James Edwards, he had died and she had married again ----- Helison by 1677, as proven by the following item.

William Body to Ann Helison's eldest son Robert Edwards the gift of a cow. 1677.  
Wit. Thomas Caney, Elizabeth Roberts.  
W. & D. Bk. 1, p. 357.  
(This item indicates she had another son since he specifies she eldest.)



I, the underwritten, do acknowledge to have sold unto Luke Kent for the proper use and behoof of Robert Edwards, being his son-in-law and young son, I do warrant the sale to the fore-said Robert Edwards or his heirs, from any unjust claim, whatsoever. Oct. 27, 1693.

Wit. John Cahan, Luke Kent.

Acknowledged by James Tullaugh at the Orphan's Court.

Deed Bk. 2, p. 223.

Will of John Griffen;-(the unborn son named in Thomas Griffen's will) to my sister Ann Tullaugh; sister Sarah Tullaugh, the tobacco, which my father Thomas Griffen gave to my Brother Thomas Griffen. Ex., my father James Tullaugh.

Wit. James Benn, Arthur Smith Jr., Edward Goodson.

1694. Dec. 10, 1694.

Deed Bk. 1, p. 123.

Putting these items together we prove that Ann Wright was the mother of Robert Edwards and his brother James Edwards.

Thomas Whitley of I. of N. to Robert Edwards, of afd. County for 2,000 pounds of tobacco, 100 A, adjoining the land James Tullaugh, Western Branch, Arthur Pursell's Mill, Beaver Dam Branch, it being the dividing line between James Edwards and Robert Edwards. Signed Thomas and Mary Whitley.

Feb. 10, 1706/7.

Deed Bk. 2, p. 64.

Wit. Thomas Bevan, Richard Wilkinson Jr., Joshua Turner.

The same to James Edwards for 2,500 pinds of tobacco, 100 A, adjoining the sd. Whitley, James Tullaugh, Beaver Dam Branch ye dividing line between Robert and James Edwards.

Same witnesses and date.

Deed Bk. 2, p. 65.

James Edwards was a witness on the will of William Godwin in 1710.

Great Book, p. 152.



Will of James Edwards, Sr.: son Robert; son Joshua; son James; daughter Sarah Pope (Pope). Wife Ann Extz.  
 July 16, 1788. Feb. 24, 1788.  
 Wit. John Whitley, John Williams, Joshua Turner.  
 Great Book, p. 151.

Will of James Edwards; to my friend William Pope, to my friend Nathan Godwin; son David; son James; to my five sons, John, William, Jonas, Nathan and Albridgeton. Wife Extz.  
 April 5, 1743. May 23, 1743.  
 Wit. Benjamin Johnston, William Pope.  
 Will Bk. 4, p. 464.

Inventory of the estate of James Edwards was returned by Allinor Edwards. July 26, 1743.  
 Will Bk. 4, p. 474.

Will of William Edwards; son William; son James; son John; daughter Elizabeth Whitley; daughter Honor Nichols; wife Susanna Ex., son James Edwards.  
 March 15, 1770. Dec. 2, 1773.  
 Wit. John Davis, George Whitley, Elisha Whitley.  
 Security for Ex., Nathan Whitley.  
 Will Bk. 8, p. 273.

Will of John Edwards; wife Parience; son John the plantation on which I now live; son Jonas the plantation bought of Armiger Bailey; son Isham Edwards, the plantation bought of Powell; daughter Holland Edwards; to all my children now living. Exs., friend Francis Boykin and son John.  
 Dec. 12, 1803. April 7, 1806.  
 Wit. William Whitley, David and Elias Edwards.  
 Will Bk. 12, p. 192.

Estate of John Edwards's Sr. in account with John Edwards. Examined by Andrew Woodley, Francis M. Boykin, Jordan Parr.  
 June 1, 1807. Will Bk. 12, p. 298

Appraisal estate of John Edwards, Sr., by Jordan Parr, David Ed, Edwards and Joseph Moody. Will Bk. 12, p. 302.



## EDWARDS.

The records show that there was a Robert Edwards living in Virginia in 1619. He is also listed as a headright for George Mynifie of James City County, and a Robert Edwards is listed by Sir Francis Wyatt in 1643. The loss of the Isle of Wight records prior to 1664, prevents establishing the fact, whether he was the father of Robert Edward who was in Isle of Wight County and married prior to 1672.

Robert Edwards of Isle of Wight married Mary Hunt the daughter of William Hunt and Judith his wife. Judith married secondly in 1668, Richard Parker. I. of W. W. & D. Bk 2, p. 110. He made a deed of release from himself to Parker and signed as Administrator of the estate of his father-in-law William Hunt. John Hardy and William Palmer were witnesses to this deed. Henry Applewhaite had a grant of land in 1674, adjoining the land of Robert Edwards and William Boddie. Sept. 21, 1674. Capt. Anthony Fulgham lists a Robert Edwards as a headright in 1664 and 1665.

Daniel Boucher who was a Burgess for Isle of Wight in 1653, left a legacy in his will to William and Mary Hunt, the children of William Hunt. His will is dated Dec. 4, 1667. I. of W. W. & D. Bk. 2, p. 51.

Robert Edwards died intestate before May 2, 1681, on which date Mary Edwards, his relict presents an account of his estate. I. of Wight W. & D. Bk. 2, p. 217, 24b.

They were doubtless the parents of Dr. Robert Edwards.

## Dector Robert Edwards.

Dr. Robert Edwards, wife was Mary and they had the following children:- Robert, James, Margaret, Judith and Mary, as deduced from the following transactions in the Isle of Wight records.

James Tullaugh acknowledged to have sold unto Luke Kent, for the use of Robert Edwards, his son-in-law.

I of W. D. Bk. 2, p. 233.

Robert Edwards, estate account, was presented by Owen Griffen, Dec. 10, 1694.

I. of W. D. Bk. 2, p. 131.

Will of Owen Griffen (or Griffeth):- daughter Ann; dau Sarah; sons, Edward, Owen and John; grandchildren John and Patience Griffeth; to Margaret and Judy Edwards; son-in-law William Johnson; I have given him and my daughter already; wife Mary. Wife extx. July 15, 1698. Sept. 9, 1698.

Wit. Henry Applewhaite, Jane Bragg.

I of W. W. & D. Bk. 2, p. 297.

Mary the widow of Robert Edwards and Owen Griffen, married William Body by 1700, when she begins signing papers with him.

Upon the petition of James Bragg, he hath order of the estate in the hands of Owen Griffen, which belongs to Mary the wife of said Bragg and daughter of Robert Edwards, dead.

Bk. 1, p. 57.

Robert Edward's land adjoined that of William Boddie, for in a grant to Henry Applewhite Sept. 21, 1664, it is stated that his land adjoins that of Edmund Palmer, Robert Edwards and William Boddie, another neighbor was Anthony Matthews, who received a grant of 640 A. in 1664 on the west side of Palmer's. William Boddie's daughter Elizabeth married Anthony Mathews Jr. That Robert Edwards and his wife Mary were probably parents of James and Robert Edwards, as well as the daughters mentioned.

Robert Edwards the son went to North Carolina to make his home, for their is the following deed in Isle of Wight.-

Jan. 21, 1731. Robert Edwards Sr., of N. C. to Henry Edwards his son the plantation on which he formerly lived in Isle of Wight.

I. of W. Deed Bk. 4, p. 150.

Robert Edwards, Sr. of N. C. deed of gift to son William Edwards, mentions his nephew Robert Edwards. Jan. 15, 1731.

I. of W. D. Bk. 4, p. 152.

The nephew Robert Edwards was the son of James Edwards, we therefore conclude that James and Robert Edwards of N. C. were brothers and the sons of Dr. Robert Edwards, since these two are not named as sons by any of the other Edwards, then in the County, and there is no other parentage suggested in any of the records left in the County, the dates and the names all fitting into this deduction.



Will of William Bodie:- grandsons, William and Thomas Brown,  
and to their sisters, my granddaughters; daughter Elizabeth Mat-  
hews; son John; my now wife Mary. Ex., son John,  
Dec. 17, 1712. Feb. 26, 1717.  
wit. John Jones, Joseph Chapman, H. Lightfoot.  
I. of W. W&A D. Bk. 2, p. 633.

Will of Mary Boddie:-calls herself the late wife of William  
Body; to son-in-law Thomas Drake; daughter Mary Bragg; Judith  
Clark and Sarah Joiner. Ex., Thomas Drake.  
Jan. 17, 1727. April 24, 1732.  
wit. George Washington, Richard Drake, Francis Jones.  
I. of W. Will Bk. 3, p. 299.

(Note, her son James was dead and her son Robert was in N. C.  
is the reason it is presumed that she made her son-in-law  
Thomas Drake her Ex.)

Margaret Edwards, daughter of and one of the co-heiresses of  
her father Robert Edwards dead., sells to James Bragg 1000 A.  
purchased by her father of Edmund Palmer. April 10, 1699.  
I. of W. B. Bk. 1, p. 274.

Judith the daughter of Robert Edwards dead. to James Bragg, etc.  
Sept.-- 1701. I. of W. D. Bk. 1, p. 346.  
(The name Judith was doubtless for the wife of Robert Edwards  
who died in 1681, who was the daughter of William Hunt.)

Aug. 8, 1832. Ind. bet. Byrd Edwards and wife Elizabeth and Miles Edwards for \$300. all their interest and claim and equity the said Byrd Edwards and wife have in an undivided moiety of a tract of land of which Isham Edwards died possessed of, of 150 A. Wit. William C. Edwards, --- Dick, Jordan Parr.  
Deed Bk. 20, p. 132.

James M. Edwards died intestate. Appraisal by George F. Hall, M. H. Pulley and C. H. Darden. Dec. 10, 1868.  
Will Bk. 29, p. 482.

Estate of James M. Edwards in account with William W. Joyner, Adm. (Wm. W. Joyner the brother of his wife). received from Mrs. Addie C. Joyner, Admtx. of Wm. W. Joyner decd. Jan. 29, 1870  
Signed, Samuel Edwards Will Bk. 29, p. 621.  
Adm. de bonis non.

Fannie Edwards and Leanna Edwards, orphans of James R. Edwards. Samuel Edwards, administrator de bonis and guardian.  
Will Bk. 31, p. 231.



Nathaniel Edwards appointed the guardian of Lucy, Susanna and Martha Edwards the orphans of William Edwards dead. On his bond were Gray Edwards and John Williams.  
Nov. 23, 1803. Order Bk. 8, page 303.

Gray Edwards and Elizabeth Ingram, widow.  
May 15, 1786.

Gray Edwards: I lend my wife Elizabeth all my estate until my eldest child becomes twenty years of age; seven children: Thomas, Martha H.; Gray; William; John; Benjamin and Nancy. If my wife Elizabeth thinks proper to sell the land I lent to her in the within will in view of moving to Georgia etc.

Sept. 6, 1803. Oct. 24, 1803.

Wit.: Jesse and Elizabeth C. Westmoreland, Benjamin Ingram.  
Will Bk. 6, page 527.

Henry Simmons: wife Susanna; son Thomas; mentions bonds he owns against Benjamin Simmons; son Benjamin; dau. Mary Tillman; dau. Susanna Edwards; dau. Masen (?) Simmons; mentions bonds against Mr. Buchanan. Exs.: wife, son Henry and son-in-law William Edwards.

Jan. 3, 1766.

July 28, 1766.

Will Bk. 3, page 447..

## Edwards Family.

William Edwards an early resident of Surry is mentioned among the dead in 1624. He was probably the father of ~~St~~ William who is mentioned as a merchant in Virginia in 1644. His wife was Dorothy. He represented Surry County in the House of Burgesses 1652-53. According to a deposition in Surry he was 43 in 1658 and in the records of the General Court is said to have died about 1673. Issue- William, John and Thomas. Wm. and Mary v. vol. 15, page 82.

Will of John Edwards: Sons John William, Benjamin, and Nathaniel. Daughters, Sarah Mary and Ann. to cousins Thomas William and John Edwards. July 12, 1712. May 20, 1719. wife Ann.  
Wife: Etheldred Taylor, Wm. Edwards, Wm. Holt.  
Surry Bk. # 5, page 147.

Three Wm Edwards die in Brunswick about the same time

Wm. 1778. W. Bk. # 5, page 8.

Wm. 1782. O. Bk. # 2, page 345.

William Edwards\*-- Sons Thomas, Nathaniel, Gray, Benjamin, John. daughters Lucy Susanna and Martha; grandson James Edwards.  
March 6, 1781. March 26, 1781. O. B. #2, page 142.

( A sad study of these Williams will have to be made in Brunswick it seems to me before the Surry records are examined for connection. It would take a week to abstract all the Surry data on Edwards; so it seems more plausible to work backwards.)

Gray Edwards: wife Elizabeth, seven children- Thomas, Martha, Gray, William, John, Benjamin and Nancy. Reference is made to proposed move to Georgia. Brunswick v. Bk. #6, page 527.  
Sept. 6, 1803. Oct. 24, 1802.



There are three William Edwards in the Brunswick County record when our search begins, two with wives Susannah. My interpretation of the records is that the William who married Susanna Simmons is the William of the Southampton will, who possibly lived on his father's holdings in Surry and thus called himself of Surry, when he bought land in Brunswick. His wife was definitely of the Southampton, Surry family of Simmons. The other Williams in the Surry records who have not been eliminated carry the Newitt line and it was a favorite given name, which has never appeared in the line of which Gray Edwards is a member.

Feb. 2, 1760. Ind. between William Tillman of Halifax, N. C. and William Edwards Jr. of Surry county for 150£ a tract of 51 A. in the Parish of St. Andrews, the fork of Stoney Hill Run and Crabhouse or Tickle Cant Run, Mr. Skipwith's line and the line of John Avery. July 28, 1760.

No Wit. Wife Elizabeth Tillman relinquishes dower.  
Brunswick Deed Bk. 6, p. 507.

(That this is The William Edwards, who was father of Gray and not the the William, who was the son of Nathaniel is proven when the son named in his will sell part of this tract.)

May 29, 1764. Indenture between Henry Morris of the Parish of St. Andrews and William Edwards of the same Parish for 95£ a tract on Lloyd's Run of 214 A., on Zebulon Lewis etc. June 25, 1764.

Wit. Thomas Simmons, William Chapman, John Tillman, Francis Young. Wife Susanna Morris rel. her dower.  
Brunswick Deed Bk. 7, p. 484.

Oct. 27, 1770. Ind. bet. William Edwards and wife Susanna of St. Andrews Parish and Henry Jackson Jr., for 110£, 214 acres on Lloyd's Run and Zebulon Lewis.

Wit. Alexander Watson, William Smith, Zebulon Lewis.  
Deed Bk. 10, p. 27.

(That this was your William with the wife Susanna is evident from the fact that the marriage bond of William Edwards, the merchant to Susanna Maclin the daughter of John Maclin is not dated until Dec. 1, 1771. This was his second marriage having married in 1756 Sarah Edmunds. Although both Williams of Brunswick had wives Susanna, this clearly differentiates them.)

William Edwards of the Parish of St. Andrews: son Thomas negroes Caty and Old James; son Nathaniel the land whereon he now lives divided by Denmons Branch and on the south side of the Mill Pond; grandson James Edwards, my Cattail land; son Gray the land whereon he now lives; son Benjamin; son John the plantation on which I live (under age); daughters Lucy, Susanna and Martha. Etc.

sons, Nathaniel and Gray.

March 6, 1781.

March 26, 1781.

Wit. Wm. Connelly, John Avery, Lewis Parham.

Will Bk. 2, p. 142.

Appraisal of the estate of Captain William Edwards. Nov. 26, 1781.  
By, William Vaughan Sr., William Lanier, Sr., Mathew Harris.  
Gray Edwards, Ex. Will Bk. 2, p. 215.

Nathaniel Edwards appointed the guardian of Lucy, Susanna and Martha Edwards, the orphans of William Edwards decd. On his bond were Gray Edwards and John Williams.  
Nov. 25, 1783. Order Bk. 8, p. 303.

Gray Edwards and Elizabeth Ingram, widow.  
May 16, 1786.

Gray Edwards: I lend my wife Elizabeth all my estate until my eldest child becomes twenty years of age; seven children, Thomas Martha B., Gray: William; John; Benjamin and Nancy. If my wife Elizabeth thinks proper to sell the land I lent her in the will in view of moving to Georgia etc.

Sept. 6, 1803.

Oct. 24, 1803.

Wit. Jesse Westmoreland, Elizabeth G. Westmoreland,  
Benjamin Ingram. Will Bk. 6, p. 527.

Henry Simmons: wife Susanna; son Thomas; mentions bonds he owns against Benjamin Simmons; son Benjamin; daughter Mary Tillman; daughter Susanna Edwards; daughter Mason Simmons; bonds against Mr. Buchanan. Exs., wife, son Henry and son-in-law William Edwards. 3, 1766.

July 28, 1766.

Will Bk. 3, p. 447.



Edwards Bible  
Copied by Mrs. Lewis S. Chapman

Robert A. Edwards and Emma L. Holland married Jan. 5, 1882

Robert A. Edward and Eva W. Parker married Jan. 1, 1886

Daisy Allen Edwards born June 7, 1884, daughter of Robert A. and Emma L. Edwards.

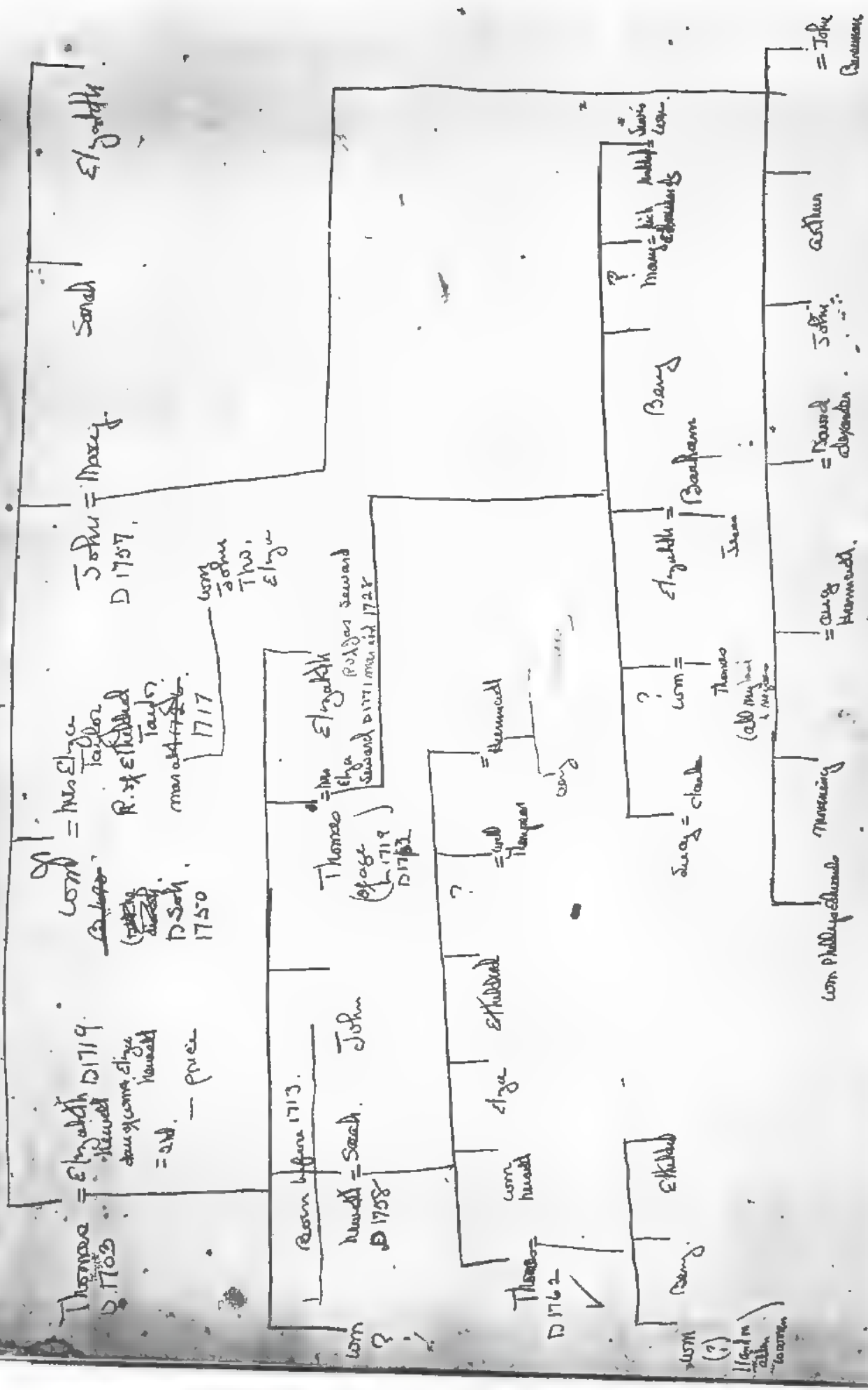
Emma Holland Edwards born Nov. 30, 1894, daughter of Robert A. and Emma L. Edwards.

Robert A. Edwards, Jr. son of Robert A. and Eva W. Edwards was born July 30, 1894.

Emma L. Edwards wife of Robert A. Edwards, died Nov. 21, 1886. Daughter of John M. and Henrietta Holland

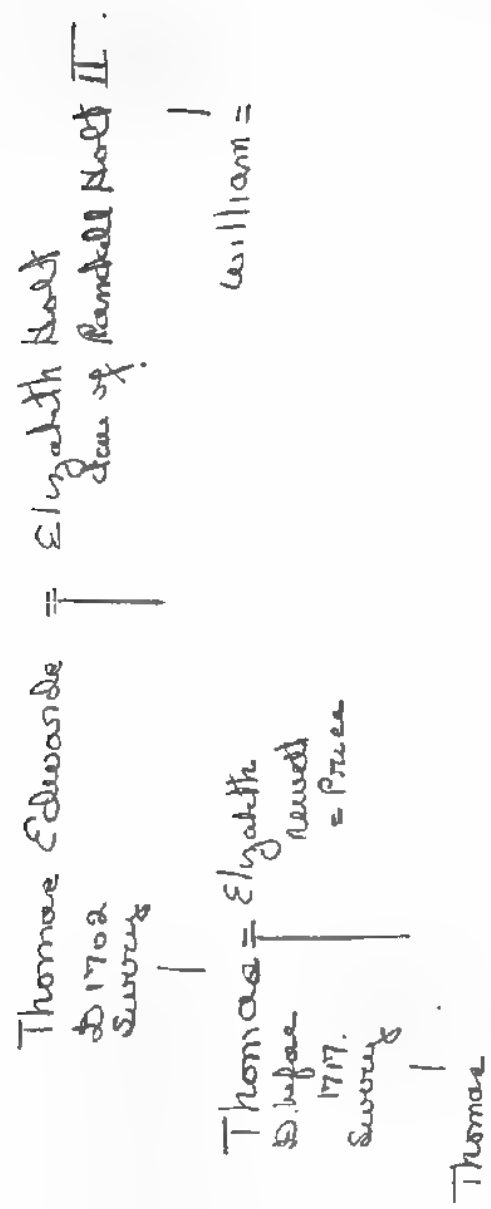
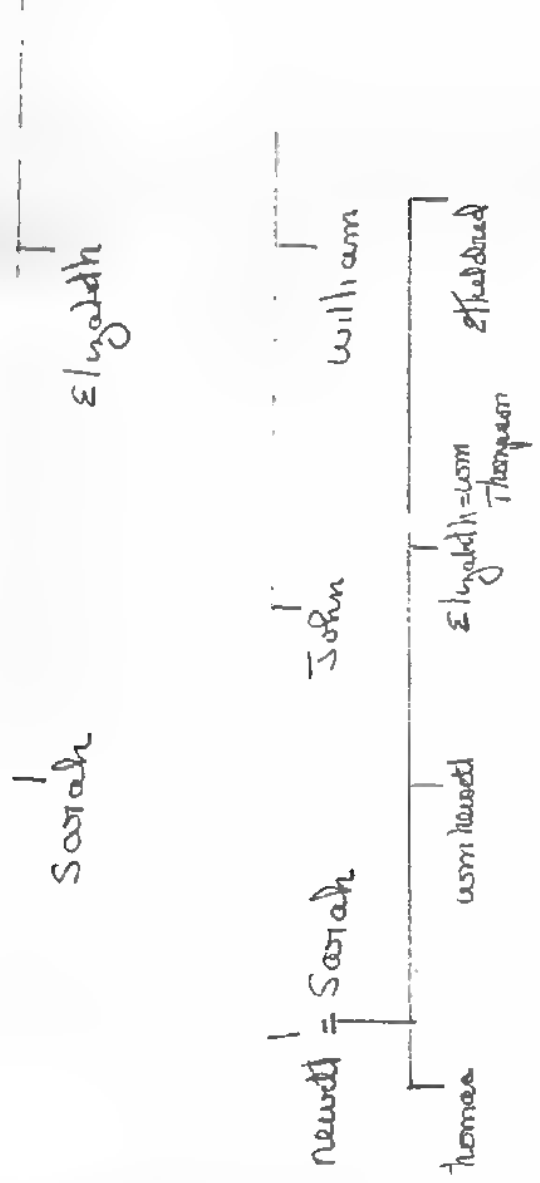
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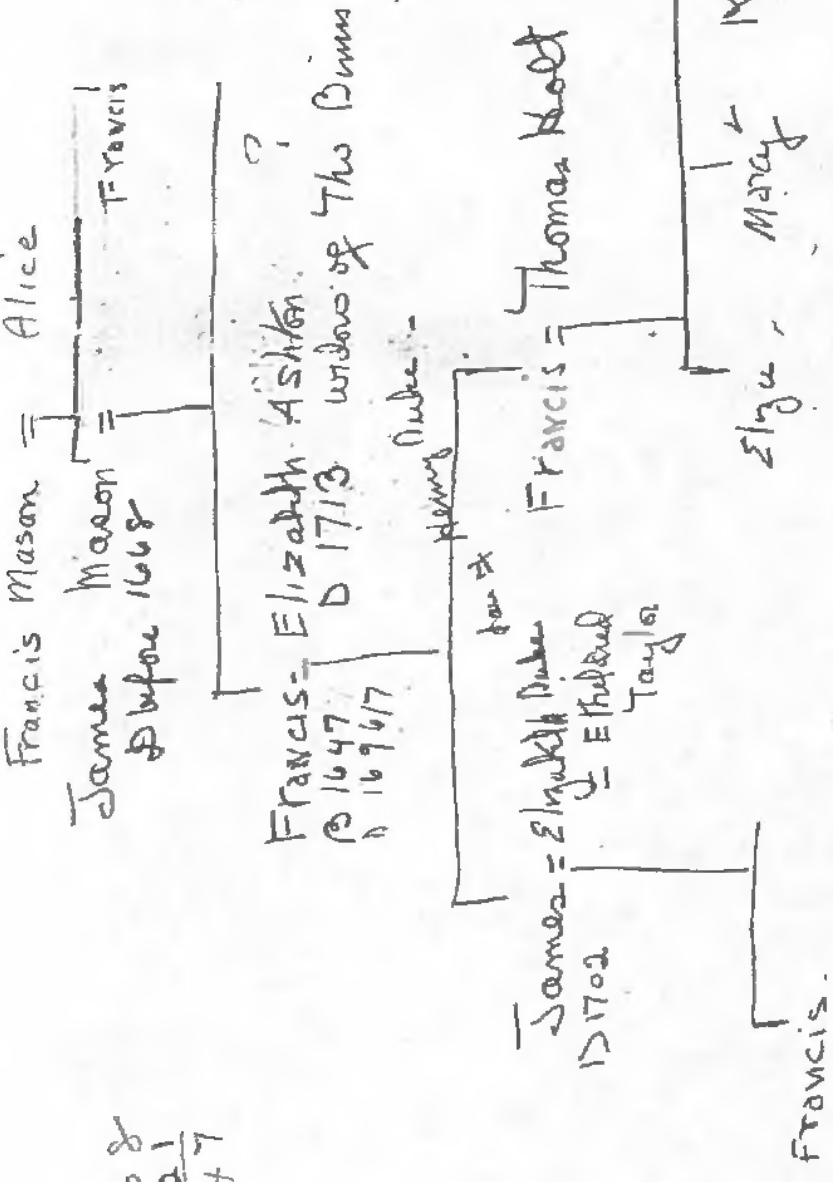
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